

**H-3108-1 - RELINQUISHMENTS, TERMINATIONS, AND CANCELLATIONS**Introduction

This Handbook addresses the processing of oil and gas lease relinquishments, terminations, petitions for lease reinstatement, Class I, II, and III reinstatements, and lease cancellations. The Handbook also provides guidance concerning bona fide purchaser provisions and waivers of lease rights that may be requested by lessees during the course of lease cancellation proceedings.

This Handbook is intended to be a comprehensive guide to be used in conjunction with Manual Section 3108 and the regulations at 43 CFR Subpart 3108. When lease relinquishments are processed, this Handbook is to be used in conjunction with Handbook 3104-1 with respect to termination of the period of liability of the bond. For terminated leases, the BLM-approved Forms 3108-2, 3108-2a, and 3108-2b shall be used to notify the lessee of the appropriate lease reinstatement provisions for which the lease may be eligible. The Automated Land and Mineral Record System (ALMRS) Case Recordation/Records System Release 1.0 action codes used in conjunction with the lease actions addressed throughout this Handbook are indicated to ensure that the automated serial register pages/case abstracts reflect the current status of each oil and gas lease. The mandatory action codes shall be entered into the ALMRS Case Recordation/Records System Release 1.0 within 5 working days of the action taken. For a listing of ALMRS Case Recordation DE 1775 and 2910 Action Codes applicable to Handbook 3108-1, see the last appendix in this Handbook.